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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
FUMIAKI ITO, et al.)
Application No.: 09/817,345)
Filed: March 27, 2001)
For: VOICE BROWSER SYSTEM)

Examiner: H. Vo
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect the Group II claims, namely, Claims 1, 7, 10, 16, 22 to 24, 27 and 29. The Restriction Requirement is, however, traversed.

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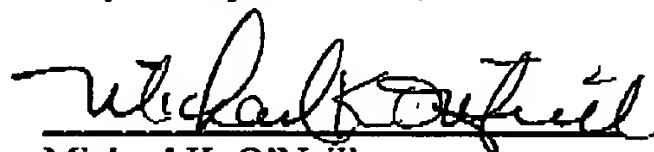
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Traversal is on the ground that there would not be undue burden in examining the three groups of claims in a single application. In particular, MPEP § 808 makes clear that in order to require restriction between independent or distinct inventions, reasons for insisting upon a restriction requirement, such as undue burden, must also be shown. In the present instance, it is not believed that there would be undue burden in examining the groups of claims in a single application, since the three groups of claims are not so different as would require a burden on the Examiner that is significantly beyond that of the normal burdens of examination. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

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